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ON

HISTORY OF BARNER CLAN

INTRODUCTION 7 June 1957

This manuscript is obviously in a preliminary form, containing a number of related but not properly correlated sections. It represents some progress toward a History of the Barner Clan but a good deal of work will have to be done in obtaining information not only on the earlier but the later generations of Barners.

More information on the earlier generations will, we hope, add to the information presented herein as well as serve to verify information already on hand. It is hoped that anyone who has knowledge of such information will bring it forward for inclusion in the History we are attempting to compile. In the meantime we expect to continue interviewing some of the older Barners and Barner relatives as well as searching any histories that include central Pennsylvania.

Information on the later generations is being sought by means of the questionnaires which were mailed out with this year's Reunion notices. With this information we expect to be able to link up the family tree from Adam Barner I to present generations.

Therefore, with information now on hand and information we expect to obtain through the coming year our objectives are:

1. Reduce available information to a single, narrative, historical form.
2. Prepare a complete family tree.

The contents of this manuscript and their sources are as follows:

1. IN MEMORY OF ADAM BARNER I - Memorial Plaque located in Barner's Cemetary.
2. ADAM BARNER THE SETTLER - Mrs. Annie Barner Gamby.
3. THE BARNER CLAN - Mrs. Annie Barner Gamby.

4. HENRY BARNER (I) - Mrs. Annie Barner Gamby.

5. GEORGE BARNER (I) & FAMILY - History of Juniata Valleys by Everts, Peck & Richards, 1886.

6. HISTORY OF BARNER'S CHURCH - Lloyd R. Deckard.

7. THE FIRST BARNER REUNION - Mrs. Annie Barner Gamby.

Added at the end is a list of questions, the answers to which would be of particular value to our History.

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Mr. Elmer Barner, R. D., Lewistown, Pa.

IN MEMORY OF ADAM BARNER I

A pioneer settler in Perry County Territory. A soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Migrated from Switzerland in 1758, locating between Philadelphia and Lancaster..... In 1767, he settled on the farm on which Barner's Church is now located..... He married the widow of John Bunn. They had two sons. One son, Henry Barner, located in Sugar Valley, Clinton County, Pa. He married Susanna Bunce. His other son, George Barner, married a Miss Dubbs and remained in the vicinity of Barner's Church, where most of his descendents have resided unto this day.

George Barner, son of Henry Barner, returned to this vicinity about 1820, married Lydia Lahr, and many of his descendents also reside in the vicinity of Barner's Church.

This memorial is reverently erected by descendents and friends.

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ADAM BARNER THE SETTLER

Adam Barner, the forefather of all the generations of Barners and descendents who exist in America, was born in Switzerland and emigrated to America in his early manhood days, before the period of the Revolutionary War. He was a tailor and was hired out for a period of seven years to pay for his passage across the ocean. Shortly after he landed in America the Revolutionary War broke out and he was pressed into the military service. He continued in the army until the close of war, after which he settled in Liverpool Township, Perry County, Pa., on the farm now owned by Mrs. G. W. Wilt, his great granddaughter.

He was warranted this farm from the state of Pa. on December 13, 1785 for the sum of $26.00. It consisted of 212 acres of timberland and on January 16, 1786 the state surveyed and laid his land out for him. This place at that time was in the wilderness and it caused much time and hardship to clear the land and erect buildings suitable for a home, but he had determination and energy and he soon had the soil under cultivation and a comfortable dwelling and barn erected upon it. In addition to farming he worked at his trade.

He was united in marriage to the widow of John Bunn who was a useful helpmate and survived him throughout the remainder of his life. They were both members of the Reform Church and were active in the promotion of all religious work. They were blessed with seven children, five daughters whose names are unknown and two sons, Henry Barner, the oldest son, whose birthdate is unknown and George Barner, born in Liverpool Township, Perry County, Pa., May 25, 1780.

THE BARNER CLAN

Adam Barner I migrated from Berne, Switzerland during the year 1758, landed at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, drifted North and settled in Lancaster County until 1767, he then drifted North to Perry County one (1) mile north of Liverpool. He married widow Bunn and settled permanently and had two (2) sons -- #1 Henry, #2 George.

They then owned a farm of which they donated 6 acres of ground for a Burial Ground and to build thereon a school house and church. For many years they worshiped in the log school house. In 1872, they built a good brick church, which is still maintained and in good condition and where folks from the community gather for regular church services.

The records clearly state three denominations were privileged to use this building for services, namely - Luthern, Mennonite, Reformed. Today only the Lutheran denomination survives and is active.

Henry Barner, oldest son of Adam Barner I, went north and settled in Sugar Valley, Clinton County, Pa., where he married Susanna Bunce. They had twenty-one (21) children. All lived to a good age. The youngest passed away at the age of 50 yrs., the others lived to be from 50 to 90 years. This was still in the time of Indians and they endured many hardships, but managed to get thru. Names of children as follows:

Sarah	George	Zecharia	Mary
Amos	Lydia	Absolem	Eraspes
John	Maria	Martha	Joseph
Susanna	Jeremiah	Sowiska	Joanne
Eliza Ann	Jane	Samuel	Ruth
			Mark

George Barner, son of the first Henry Barner, as a young man in about the year of 1820 left Clinton County and came to Juniata County about 2 miles west of Barner's Church where he homesteaded and married Lydia Lahr. They were parents of nine (9) children, namely:

1. Henry L. Barner married Maria Wendt ---- 16 children
2. Lydia Ann Barner married Samuel Long -- 1 daughter, 1 son
3. Absolem L. Barner married Susan Stroup --- 6 sons
4. Joseph L. Barner married Sarah House ----- 7 children
5. Eliza Ann Barner married Levi Light ---2 sons, 4 daughters
6. Susan Ann Barner married Daniel Stroup ------ Don't know
7. George L. Barner married Mary Miller ---- 8 children
8. Sarah Ann Barner not married -----
9. John L. Barner married Ellen Long ------- 1 son

NOTE - These sisters all had the middle name Ann, the brothers all carried the "L" for their Mother

HENRY BARNER

THE OLDER SON OF ADAM BARNER

Henry Barner, a son of Adam and Mrs. Barner (widow of John Bunn) was a well known pioneer in Sugar Valley, Clinton County, Pa. He was born in Liverpool Township, Perry County, Pa. and when a young man left his home in Perry County and located at Logansville (now known as Loganton), Clinton County, Pa. and took up residence one mile north of Loganton on the Sugar Valley Mountain. In April 1807 he first entered upon his land consisting of 400 acres of timberland, and on the 22nd of November, 1814, he was granted his warranty in full for his land. He was by nationality a Swiss and spoke the low German language. He was an agriculturist and in addition to farming he engaged in lumbering. When he purchased his land in Green Township on the Sugar Valley Mountains he believed that the soil of the mountain was much better than that of the valley, and much cheaper, but he later discovered his mistake.

He was a man well known and highly respected. He did not long enjoy his new home as his death occured after living there 13 years. Retiring one night in the year of 1820, in the best of health, he was found dead in bed the next morning, being shot in the night by some unknown assassin, who was never found or brought to justice for the terrible crime.

He was united in marriage to Miss Susanna Bunce, who survived him. She was thus left in care of a large family. She was one of the best of women, very strong, being able to carry three bushels of wheat. At the time her youngest child was married she was yet able to ride on horseback over the mountains to visit her children. The trials and hardships she was forced to endure in her primitive

mountain home were many. The wild animals which haunted the forests often killed her cattle and she was compelled to work early and late in order to keep her family together until they were able to care for themselves. In the family were 21 children, none of whom were twins. The following are the only names known: David, George, Henry, Benjamin, John, Daniel, Adam, Samuel, Christopher, Harman, Lydia, Mary, Fanny, Elizabeth, Catherine, Franklin and Christian.

Mrs. Barners last years were spent with her youngest son, Christian Barner, who operated the old homestead farm. It was there she passed away at the age of seventy-two. She was burried in the old Mt. Union Cemetery in Sugar Valley near Loganton, and he also was burried in the same cemetery.

GEORGE BARNER (I) AND FAMILY

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HISTORY
OF
SUSQUEHANNA AND JUNIATA VALLEYS
EMBRACED IN THE
COUNTIES OF MIFFLIN, JUNIATA, PERRY,
UNION AND SNYDER,
IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN TWO VOLUMES

PHILADELPHIA:
EVERTS, PECK & RICHARDS.
1886

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VOLUME II
CHAPTER XXI
LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP

Liverpool township occupies the northeastern corner of Perry County and contains about twenty-four square miles of area..... ..... On the north, along the river, McKinzie's gristmill was built by Thomas Gallagher, about 1817. The stream on which this mill and several saw-mills are situated flows into the Susquehanna through the borough of Liverpool, and is not named on the map of Perry County. It might appropriately be called "Barner's Run". ..... Stores were kept at Dry Saw-Mill, by George W. Barner, at which feed and provisions were furnished for the boatmen.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

JACOB BARNER

Jacob Barner is the son of George Barner, who was born May 25, 1780, and died May 9, 1863, in his eighty-third year. He

married Mary, daughter of Henry and Amelia Dubbs, whose birth occured April 13, 1781, and her death March 5, 1861, in her 80th year. Their son Jacob was born in Liverpool township, Perry County, near Barner's Church, on the 27th of April, 1812, and died April 19, 1880, in his 68th year. In youth he attended the subscription schools of the neighborhood, and, in later years, being much attached to Isaac Pfoutz, of Pfoutz' Valley, spent much of his time with him, removing with his wife, to a small dwelling adjacent to the home of the latter, where he engaged in active labor. He was, on the 10th of February, 1840, married, by Rev. C. G. Erlenmeyer, to Miss Elizabeth Wagner, who was born the 19th of October, 1809. By this union were born three sons and three daughters, as follows: Josiah, January 10, 1841, who died April 17, 1843; Susannah, October 2, 1842, who died April 13, 1843; Elizabeth, February 7, 1846, who died September 25, 1865; George, October 28, 1848, who died March 1, 1872; Eve, February 6, 1844; and Jacob, May 25, 1851; the last two being the only survivors. Mrs. Barner died August 24, 1866, in her 57th year, and he was again married, November 5, 1867, to Eve Stailey, of Liverpool, Pa., now a resident of Covington, Ohio.

Mr. Barner led a life of great activity and usefulness, devoting his life chiefly to matters connected with his own business interests, and rarely participating in public affairs. He was upright in his dealings, never encouraged litigation, nor appeared in the courts as an interested party in questions requiring a legal settlement. A stanch Democrat in politics, he refused all proffers of office connected with the county. His religious creed was that of the German Reformed Church, of which he was a member.

HENRY BARNER

Henry Barner, the brother of Jacob Barner, was born in Perry County, Pa., May 2, 1803, and died August 8, 1869. He is buried on the homestead farm, now in possession of his brother Samuel. He was, in 1833, married to Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Annie Smith, by whom were born children, --- George W., Isaac, Enoch and Mary A. (wife of George W. Stewart). All but Isaac are still living. Mr. Barner was one of the leading agriculturists of his township, and resided one and a half miles west of Liverpool borough, on the farm now occupied by his son George. He was a man of progressive ideas, interested in public improvements and zealous in the furtherance of projects involving the common good. His death was regarded as a public loss. Both he and his wife were members of the German Reformed Church. Their son Enoch, born October 3, 1841, married, May 31, 1863, Rebecca Kerchner, daughter of Solomon and Catherine Kerchner, of Liverpool township. Their children are John H. S., Enoch N., Edward D., Catherine C., Rebecca J., Mary I. and Anna M., of whom three are deceased. Enoch Barner resides on a farm of two hundred acres, eleven and a half miles west of Liverpool borough.

ADAM BARNER

Adam Barner, brother of Jacob Barner, was born August 3, 1814, and is married to Catherine, daughter of John and Catherine Smith. Their four children are George A. (married to Emma Faunce), John H., Samuel E. and Mary Ellen. Mr. Barner owns three hundred and thirty acres of good land and resides one and a half miles from Liverpool. Though advanced in years, he is still active and industrious. He is a man of integrity and of corresponding influence in his township.

SAMUEL BARNER

Samuel Barner, brother of Jacob Barner, was born April 4, 1821, in Liverpool township, and has spent his life upon the homestead. After a period of youth at the district school, he engaged in farm labor, and, in 1863 inherited his portion of the estate of his father. He purchased the remainder of the farm and still cultivates the land. He has always been a Democrat in politics, served three years as county commissioner and has held various township offices. He is a member, and was formerly an elder, in the German Reformed Church. He was married, February 21, 1858, to Amelia, daughter of Jacob and Barbara Gougler, of the same township. Their children are John C., Emma E., Mary F., Jacob I., Sarah, Alice, David A., and Annie May.

MARTIN L. ERLENMEYER

Martin L. Erlenmeyer, the son of Charles Gustavus Erlenmeyer, was born April 5, 1848, in Freeburg, Snyder County, Pa., where his youth was spent. He educated at the common schools and the academy at Freeburg, and then engaged in teaching. He subsequently removed to a farm owned by his father-in-law, which is now his property, in addition to one of much productiveness in the same valley. He was, in 1873, married to Eve, daughter of Jacob Barner, and has children: Jacob L., Anne and Katy V. Mr. Erlenmeyer is a Democrat in politics, but has held no offices other than those connected with the township in which he is one of the most enterprising and successful farmers.

FREDERICK ROWE

Frederick Rowe, the son of Michael and Annie Rowe, was born in Cum erland (now Perry) County, Pa., June 26, 1814, and married, March 17, 1840, to Mary, daughter of George and Mary Barner. They

have had five children, two of whom, Mary Ann and Sarah, are still living. Mary Ann, who is married to John Williamson, resides in Liverpool. Their only child Sallie A. (Mrs. Murray), is also a resident of Liverpool. Sarah is married to John Yoder, whose children are: Frederick, Mary J. and Bessie B. Mr. Rowe was for eighteen years a successful farmer. He then conducted the flouring-mill in Liverpool now managed by his son-in-law, and is now engaged in wagon-making. His politics are Democratic. He is a supporter of the Lutheran Church, of which his wife is a member.

HISTORY OF BARNER'S CHURCH

Barner's Church was once known as Dupe's Church according to a historical sketch by Rev. M. H. Groh, once Reformed pastor at Landisburg. He also credits its building as early as 1786 and the organization of the congregation before that. He names as its earliest ministers, Rev. George Geistweit, 1794-1804, Rev. Ino Detrick Adams, 1808-1812 and Rev. Isaac Gerhart, 1813-1819. The more generally accepted history is that the church was organized by Rev. Isaac Gerhart which would place its beginning between 1813-1819. Had it been at the earlier period it would have been mentioned by many historians, among them, Rev. Focht and Prof. Wright as among the first churches.

The Barner's Reformed Church was built in the year 1872 and the building committee was Sam Barner, Isaac Witmer and Abslom Gougler. They contracted for the sum of $3500. The brick for the foundation was burned in a field about ½ mile from the church and was laid by Michael and Jacob Mangle and Mr. Hempher of Fremont Snyder Company. The carpenter was Mr. Beaver of near Grubb's Church and he also painted the church. The corner stone was laid by the minister, Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeyer and Rev. Detrich of Newport, Pa. The hands were boarded by Abslom Gougler.

In the year 1872 the German Bible was presented by Reuben Kerchner. The English Bible was presented by Samuel Barner. The chandeliers were bought by Mary A. Stewart for the sum of $24.00 and five side lamps for the sum of $6.00. The bell was bought by Jacob Barner, he paying $100.00, Adam Barner $40.00, Samuel Barner

$30.00 and Enoch Barner $10.00 in the year 1872. The church was dedicated January 22, 1873 by Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeyer and Rev. W. R. H. Deitrich of Newport, Pa. The carpet was bought by Mrs. Enoch and Mrs. Jacob Barner, at Jacob Hollmans Store, and laid by Park Hollman of Liverpool, Pa. The side stands were bought by Mrs. Enoch Barner for $1.00 a piece. The table and library were made by S. R. Deckard of Liverpool, Pa. and were presented by Mary A. Stewart. In 1898 the church was painted outside and inside, papered and a tin roof put on and paid for. The church was rededicated by Rev. H. H. Spohn and Prof. Dubs from the Seminary. The organ was bought in July 1900 for the sum of $75.00 from Harry Moyer. On July 16, 1908 the Sunday School bought carpet at M. H. Grubb's, Liverpool, for the sum of $29.00 and recarpeted the church. In the same year the roof was painted and new pipe tops put on by Wesley Coffman for $14.00. The church roof was fixed July 12, 1912 by Wesley Coffman for $4.00. The church was made with three isles March 23, 1914 by E. E. Spicker, Harry Deckard and Joe Jury for the sum of $80.00, and was painted and papered by W. L. Derr in the same year. A cement porch was built by Harry Ulsh for 20¢ per hr. The church was painted inside and outside in 1928 by W. L. Derr. In the year 1936 the congregation joined with the Lutheran Sinod of this district. In 1938 a platform for the choir was erected and a painting placed back of the pulpit by Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Sechrist. In 1946 colored glass windows were installed by Meldrum and Landis Glass Company of 256-258 W. Philadelphia St., York, Pa. at the cost of $1357.50.

MINISTERS

Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeyer, November 6, 1870

Rev. Horace Daniel

Rev. Willoughby Donat, June 21, 1874 to May 21, 1880

Rev. S. P. Brown, July 10, 1881 to July 10, 1889

Rev. Samuel Kuhn, 1890 to 1896

Rev. H. H. Spahn, July 9, 1896 to January 12, 1899

Rev. C. E. Cowell, March 26, 1899 to June 24, 1900

Rev. David I. Shaffer, December 23, 1901 to 1903

Rev. Jessie Mangle, July 1, 1904 to 1906

Rev. George K. Ely, June 28, 1906 to September 18, 1910

Rev. Samuel A. Hitner, October 8, 1911 to November 3, 1912

Rev. S. P. Brown, July 1, 1915 to September 15, 1918

No regular service until it turned Lutheran.

Rev. G. D. Strail, 1936 to November 1954

Rev. Ino C. McCune II, 1954 to present time.

THE FIRST BARNER REUNION

By Annie B. Gamby

As a rule we have our Sunday School Picnic here in the grove the first Saturday in September. Several of us would get together and plan to organize a Reunion but several years passed and nothing was done. One lovely Sunday Morning, May 24, 1920, I came to Sunday School and got permission to speak a few words. The question I gave to the audience was "All those in favor of trying to organize a Barner Reunion, on June 6, 1920, at Crows Ferry, rise". All but three or four rose and all was satisfactory. I had it published in several newspapers and sent some postal cards. So they gathered, from Shippensburg, Hagerstown, Harrisburg and other places. It was a rainy day but we got organized and the following officers were elected.

President	I. W. Barner (served 15 yrs.)
Vice President	J. J. Barner
Recording Secretary	George C. Lyter (presently serving)
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. B. C. Nace (served 15 yrs.)
Treasurer	S. E. Barner (served 15 yrs.)

Table Committee

President	Mrs. William Witmer
Vice President	Mrs. Annie B. Gamby
Others	Mrs. Charles P. Barner
	Mrs. Emma Sheaffer
	Mrs. Mary Wilt
	Mrs. George Zellers

Later the executive committee named another committee. I have served every year which is 18, thru 1938.

The following attended the first Reunion, June 6, 1920, at Crows Ferry, two miles south of Liverpool.

Mr. John S. Barner, Shippensburg, Pa. 1

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Barner and sons 4

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Barner and daughter, Mable, Shippensburg, Pa. 3

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Barner and two daughters, Hagerstown, Md. 4

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ruth, Shippensburg, Pa. 2

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gipe and five children, Harrisburg, R. D., Pa. 7

Mr. Irwin Barner, Harrisburg, Pa. 1

Miss Marie Gamby, Harrisburg, Pa. 1

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Barner, Lewisburg, Pa. 2

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Barner, Liverpool, Pa. 2

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fleisher, Liverpool, Pa. 2

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Barner, Liverpool, Pa. 2

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Barner, Liverpool, Pa. 2

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Barner and daughters, Minnie & Verna 4

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Erlemoyer, Liverpool, Pa. 2

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Erlenmeyer and daughter Evelyn, Liverpool, Pa. 3

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gamby and son Barner, Liverpool, Pa. 3

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Cox and son Charles, Liverpool, Pa. 3

Mrs. G. W. Wilt and son Norman, Liverpool, Pa. 2

Mr. and Mrs. Ino Yoder, Liverpool, Pa. 2

Mr. and Mrs. Banks Nace and daughter Geneva, Liverpool, Pa. 3

Mrs. Emma Sheaffer, Liverpool, Pa. 1

Mrs. C. C. Knisley and children, Liverpool, Pa. 4

Mr. and Mrs. Art Sarver and children, Alvin, Evelyn & Pauline 5

Mrs. William Dressler and son David 2

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barner and daughters, Liverpool, Pa.	4
Mr. and Mrs. Orman Barner and children, Liverpool, Pa.	5
Mr. Charles I. Barner	1
Mr. Samuel McLinn, Harrisburg, Pa.	1
Mr. and Mrs. William Lyter and son Roy	3
Mr. and Mrs. George Lyter, daughter Lillian and son William Mountville, Pa.	4
Mr. and Mrs. William Long, daughter Margaret and son Roy	4
Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Barner, daughter Helen, son Albert	4
Mr. and Mrs. Milt Gelnett, son Clayton, daughters Mildred and Ardella	5
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rumbaugh, Millerstown, Pa.	2
Mr. and Mrs. George Deckard and son Earl, Millerstown, Pa.	3
Mrs. T. S. Light and sons William and John, Millerstown, Pa.	3
Miss Emma Barner, Millerstown, Pa.	1
Mr. Edward Spicker and son, Millersburg, Pa.	2
Mrs. Edward Hockenbroght, Harrisburg, Pa.	1
Mrs. George Zellers and son Barner, Liverpool, Pa.	2
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barner, Liverpool, Pa.	2
Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Barner, sons Isaac, Albert and Stanley daughters Rhoda and Ruth	7
Miss Lillian Sheaffer	1
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lyter, daughters Ruth, Pauline, Betty son Barner	6
Mrs. Amanda Barner, Liverpool, Pa.	1
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Long and daughter Evelyn	3
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Deckard and son Barner	3
Total	135

LIST OF QUESTIONS June 1957

Re: History of Barner Clan

1. Where is Adam Barner (I) burried?
2. Where is George Barner (I), son of Adam Barner (I), burried?
3. Between 1921 & 1937 it is understood that one Reunion was not held because of an epidemic. What was the year and what was the cause of the epidemic?
4. Where are the minutes of Reunion held from 1921 thru 1937?
5. Does anybody know the first name and wherebouts of a Major _____ Barner, Infantry, serving in the Army in Europe in 1955? Then in the 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Division located in France. Later transferred to some diplomatic job in Oslo, Norway. May have been promoted to Lt. Colonel. This man may be of assistance in checking on our ancestors in Switzerland.